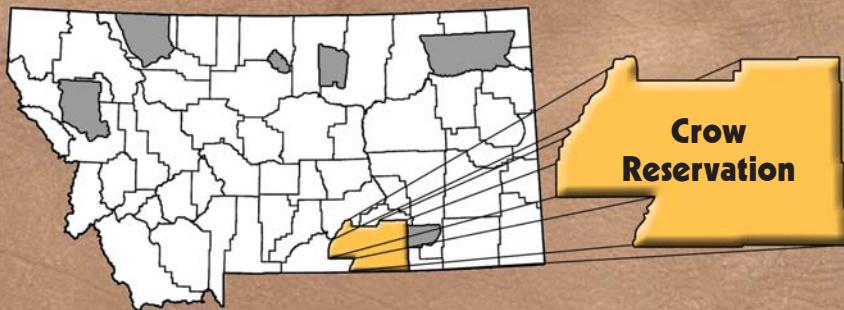




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Crow Reservation

The Crow Reservation in southeastern Montana, is the state's largest reservation, encompassing 2.2 million acres of rolling upland plains; the Wolf, Bighorn, and Pryor Mountains; and the bottomlands of the Bighorn River, Little Bighorn River, and Pryor Creek. The reservation is home to 8,543 (72.66%) of the 11,757 enrolled Apsaalooke tribal members.

According to Tribal Enrollment officials, 4,658 (39.61%) of enrolled Apsaalooke members are below the age of 18. To address the need for post-secondary education, the Tribe took a progressive stance and opened Little Bighorn Community College in 1980. The college now enrolls 300 full-time students and employs 53 staff members, 13 faculty members, and 7 work-study program students.

The majority of employment comes from the Crow Tribal Government and federal programs, which provide work to 2,202 employees. Privately owned businesses account for 253 employees, while the Bureau of Indian Affairs employs 87, and the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital (including all outreach services) employs 270 (employment numbers provided by tribal and public entities directly).

The basis of the economy is derived from the rich natural resources of the Tribe's land, which is used directly to support livestock operations. The Tribe owns vast and varied amounts of renewable and non-renewable resources on the reservation, which include land, sand and gravel, water and timber, coal, oil, and gas. The Crow Tribe owns over 17 billion short tons of coal within 700,000 acres. This is 24% of the total amount of the U.S. coal reserve. In addition, the Crow Tribe is partnered with Golden Arrow Energy of Wyoming, which is currently drilling for oil and natural gas on 7,680 acres southwest of Crow Agency. The tribe is exploring an initiative to develop a coal to liquids gasification plant on the southeast corner of the reservation.

A compact was signed between the Crow Tribe of Indians and the Montana Secretary Of State's Office establishing a Joint Sovereign Filing System that provides a central filing office for lenders to file financing statements to perfect security interests in personal property collateral arising under the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribal Secured Transactions Act. The Crow Tribe is the first Indian Tribe in the nation to sign this type of compact. The Crow Nation was recognized nationally for the UCC Filing System Compact at a ceremonial signing at the U.S Capital Building in Washington D.C. on February 6, 2008.

Crow Tribal Secretary's Office is now implementing its Apsaalooke Limited Liability Company Act (CLB 07-06) that was approved by the Crow Legislature in March, 2007. The Limited Liability Company (LLC) is a popular form of business entity combining the best features of corporations and partnerships. The Apsaalooke LLC Act is patterned after the Revised Uniform LLC Act of 2006, and the Crow Tribe is the first jurisdiction in the world to adopt it. In addition to authorizing Tribally-owned LLC's, the Act provides "the legal framework for organizing individually-owned business entities under Tribal law in order to expand the private business sector on the Reservation."

In 2001, the Crow Nation approved a new constitution, designating four-year terms for elected officers and an elected district legislature. Since adopting the new constitution, the Crow Legislature has approved the Finance Protection and Procedures Act and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act. These two acts enable Crow members to obtain homeownership and business ownership financing. This recently enacted legal infrastructure has provided economic opportunity and stability for Crow members and the community.

Crow Reservation - Agricultural Statistics

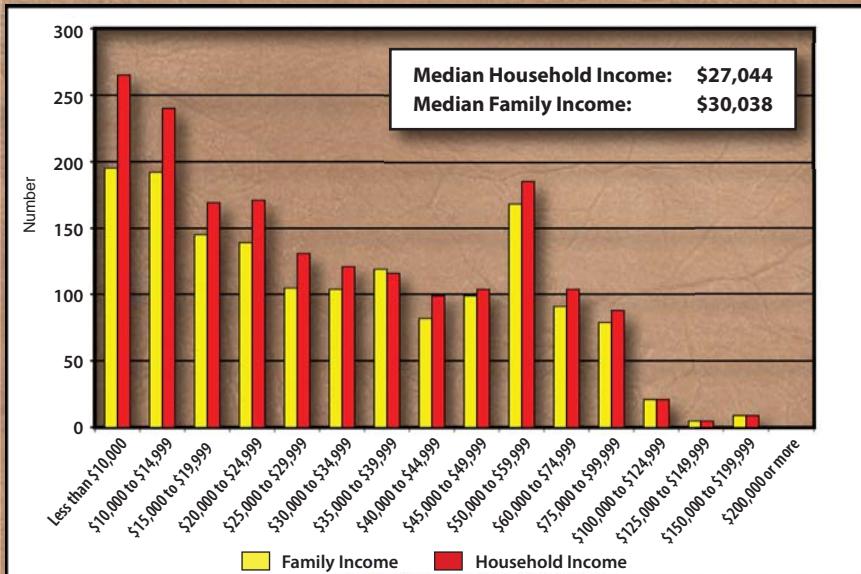
2002 Census of Agriculture

	<i>All Farms</i>	<i>Farms Operated by American Indians</i>
Farms		
Farms: (number)	377	138
Land in farms (acres)	1,989,372	838,738
Average size of farms (acres)	5,277	6,078
Farms by size: (number)		
Less than 1,000 acres	196	89
1,000 acres or more	181	49
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)		
Less than \$100,000	274	124
\$100,000 or more	103	14
Farms by type of organization: (number)		
Family, Individual, Partnership	336	130
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	41	8
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested		
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)		
Cattle and calves	57,297	9,842
Hogs and pigs	(D)	-
Sheep and lambs	(D)	-
Horses and ponies	3,031	1,571
Bison	1,981	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	251	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)		
Corn for grain	(D)	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,061	-
Wheat for grain, All	75,488	2,840
Winter wheat for grain	59,717	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	-	-
Spring wheat for grain	15,771	(D)
Barley for grain	8,264	-
Oats for grain	670	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	-	-
Soybeans for beans	(D)	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	43,052	8,287
Operator Demographics		
Primary occupation: (number)		
Farming	341	69
Other	218	107
Place of residence: (number)		
On farm operated	453	147
Not on farm operated	106	29
Years on present farm: (number)		
Less than 10 years	177	55
10 years or more	384	121
Age group: (number)		
Under 55 years	349	112
55 years and over	210	64
Average age of operators: (number)	50.9	51.2

(D): Not Disclosable

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Crow Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Household Income: This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Crow Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	30.5%	29.8%
Associate Degree	5.6%	5.2%
Bachelor's Degree	10.4%	7.9%
Master's Degree	2.3%	1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	71.3%	70.5%
Rental Occupied	28.7%	29.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Crow Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
MT Dept. of Labor & Industry	2006	2,700	2,447	253	9.4%
U.S. Census Bureau	2000	2,786	2,310	476	17.1%
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	4,593	2,455	2,138	46.5%

Crow Reservation - Occupation by Gender

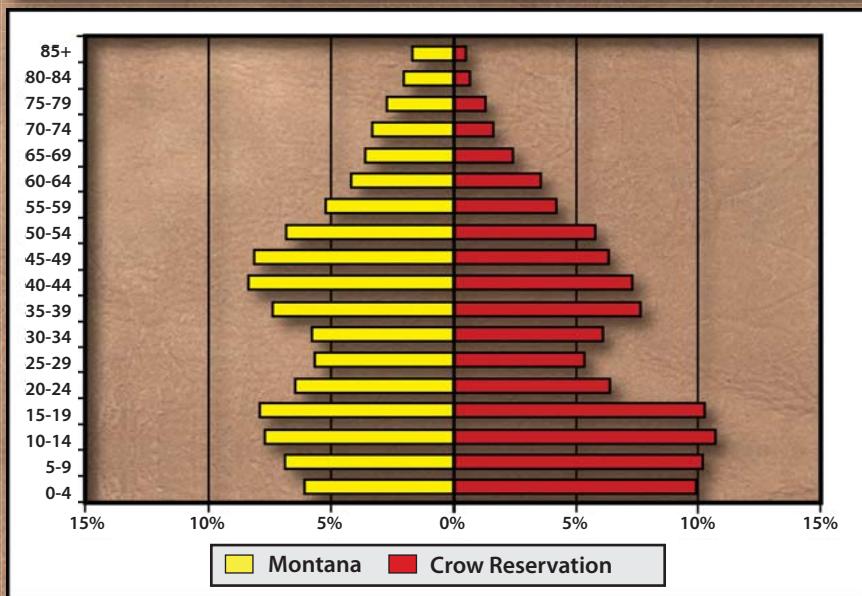
Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	2,310	1,535
Male:	1,112	683
Management, professional, and related occupations	392	172
Service occupations	265	228
Sales and office occupations	94	59
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	78	11
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	184	144
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	99	69
Female:	1,198	852
Management, professional, and related occupations	415	267
Service occupations	344	278
Sales and office occupations	377	286
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	11	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	12	9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	39	12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Crow Reservation - Population Pyramid

Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Crow Reservation Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005 - 2006

Industry	2005		2006		Employ. Growth	Wage Growth
	Employ.	Wages	Employ.	Wages		
Total	1,544	\$27,930	1,775	\$28,484	15.0%	2.0%
Total Private	275	\$17,546	328	\$17,683	19.2%	0.8%
Goods Producing	17	\$31,165	42	\$35,564	144.1%	14.1%
Agriculture	N/A	N/A	21	\$28,355	-	-
Mining	N/A	N/A	16	\$47,228	-	-
Service Providing	258	\$16,645	286	\$15,092	11.0%	-9.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113	\$15,725	100	\$10,192	-11.2%	-35.2%
Retail Trade	90	\$9,831	94	\$10,257	4.6%	4.3%
Gasoline Stations	40	\$10,256	37	\$10,506	-8.1%	2.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Tech. Services	12	\$25,204	10	\$28,041	-13.9%	11.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	77	\$15,748	115	\$16,487	49.2%	4.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	65	\$16,670	101	\$16,742	55.4%	0.4%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	N/A	N/A	99	\$16,862	-	-
Accommodation and Food Services	12	\$10,650	14	\$14,635	16.0%	37.4%
Other Services	N/A	N/A	13	\$12,938	-	-
Total Government	1,269	\$30,183	1,447	\$30,930	14.1%	2.5%
Federal Government	463	\$47,966	443	\$51,726	-4.4%	7.8%
State Government	10	\$21,618	5	\$26,464	-45.8%	22.4%
Local Government	796	\$19,949	999	\$21,742	25.5%	9.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses

American Indian and Total Population for Crow Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population							
Geography	Census Estimates						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Crow Reservation	5,165	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	7,495	7,579	7,592	7,582	7,753	7,877	7,905
Crow Agency CDP*	1,485	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP*	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	442	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pryor CDP*	533	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP*	35	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP*	147	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	4,135	4,268	4,484	4,609	4,729	4,961	5,324
Total Population							
Geography	Census Estimates						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Crow Reservation	6,894	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	12,671	12,818	12,831	12,885	13,056	13,076	13,035
Crow Agency CDP*	1,552	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP*	122	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	510	515	515	517	523	519	517
Pryor CDP*	628	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP*	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP*	186	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	129,352	130,581	131,884	133,159	134,740	136,586	138,213

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

n/a = Not available

*Census designated places (CDPs) are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

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